Washington, DC – On Wednesday, Congresswoman Linda Sánchez continued her monthly veterans' outreach program and named retired U.S. Marine Corps Corporal Arthur (Art) Steinbroner as the 39th Congressional District's "Veteran of the Month" for December 2010. Mr. Steinbroner was chosen by Congresswoman Sánchez' Veterans Advisory Council.

Art Steinbroner is a World War II combat veteran who fought in the battle of Iwo Jima, which saw some of the fiercest fighting in the Pacific campaign of World War II. Mr. Steinbroner began his military career by enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps in August 1943. After attending boot camp and receiving combat training in the San Diego area, Mr. Steinbroner was assigned to the 5th Amphibian Battalion and deployed to Saipan.

Cpl. Steinbroner fought on the beaches of Iwo Jima for ten days during the initial assault on the island, which began on February 19, 1945. On April 28, 1945, Mr. Steinbroner was injured in an explosion that knocked him unconscious. Mr. Steinbroner was evacuated and later treated at the Naval Hospital in San Leandro, California.

"I am honored to recognize Mr. Steinbroner's heroism and devotion to our nation," said Congresswoman Sánchez.

"The battle for Iwo Jima was won by the courage and heroics of troops like Corporal Art Steinbroner. It's my hope that his courage inspires younger Americans to find ways to serve our country."

Mr. Steinbroner is now 85 years young, and flies a Marine Corps flag every day at his house. Mr. Steinbroner says he flies the flag to honor the heroes who did not come home from combat.

Congresswoman Sánchez' "Veteran of the Month" program is coordinated by her Veterans Advisory Council, composed of distinguished veterans from across the district. Each month, a veteran will be recognized for service overseas and here at home. For more information regarding the "Veteran of the Month Program" please contact Mr. Jesse Cheng at Jesse.Chenga

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